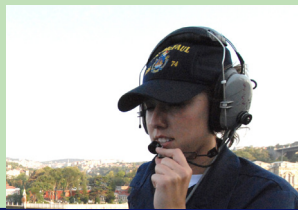


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Worldwide Education Support to the Department of Defense

Shipping out

by Master Chief Petty Officer Tim Zernick, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



The dedication of so many in the voluntary education field will never cease to amaze me, and the opportunity to work with these individuals was inspiring. As time winds down on my tour as the eighth Special Enlisted Advisor to DANTES, I would like to reflect on what this time has meant to me.

I am grateful the Coast Guard allowed me this prospect to step out of service and into a position that will forever have a positive impact on my life. I missed working side-by-side with my fellow Guardians on a day-to-day basis. However, I also found many similarities between DANTES and the USCG. Both are small organizations with large missions. Both demand excellence in everything they do. Both are staffed with dedicated professionals who unselfishly serve the better good.

I will be forever thankful to the former DANTES Director Dr. Jeffrey Cropsey (and his staff) for selecting me to fill this position. Dr. Cropsey always looked forward for ways to apply new technologies toward bringing education to

Service members and to modernize VolEd programs. He understood the vital needs and mission impacts of these programs on the military. His value on quality seeps deeply within this organization. His vision impacted many thousands of Service members and greatly aided their endeavors toward higher education and certification. He was a shining example of DANTES' dedication to provide education support to the DoD - worldwide.

to military members. Many served in the military themselves and hold a true dedication to the success of military Service members. There are many hands in the military education industry. Some deserve more recognition than they currently receive.

I look forward to my next tour as the Coast Guard Rating Training Master Chief in the Training and Education Branch of the Force Readiness Command at Coast Guard

Headquarters. I will still interact with many in the VolEd field on a regular basis, so this will be a nice progression.

Hopefully, next month I will be able to introduce my replacement.

Thank you for supporting our Service members!

"Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable you to attain the success you seek."

Mario Andretti

I will always admire the DANTES staff. Their dedication and genuine pride in the service they provide is evident in every product they deliver. DANTES is a small organization of highly competent professionals. They truly strive to provide world class services.

I also have garnered a solid respect for the many providers of voluntary education to Service members. I am referring to the testing agencies, colleges, universities, certification organizations and professional educational associations. I can see the pride in many of their efforts to provide education or certification



Distance Learning News

Online education in the U.S., 2009

Online enrollments continue to grow faster than overall higher education enrollments, according to the 2009 Sloan Survey of Online Learning (<http://www.sloan.org>). This seventh in a series of studies supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation continues to focus on answers to questions about the nature and extent of online education.

Based on responses from more than 2,500 colleges and universities, researchers found online enrollments increased 17 percent over the previous year, with more than 4.6 million students, or 1 in 4 students, taking at least one online course. In comparison, the overall growth rate of total higher education enrollments increased 1.2 percent.

Other research findings:

- Online growth has not reached its limit.
- Undergraduate enrollments comprise 82 percent of online enrollments.
- The largest institutions (representing only 6 percent of all institutions with online enrollments) teach, on average, more online students than institutions of any other size.
- Nearly one-fifth of all institutions do not provide any training for their faculty teaching online courses.

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Program

Grantham University Releases Four New Health Sciences Programs

Grantham University is adding four new Health Sciences degree programs to its existing degree offerings: an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Coding and Billing, a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Health Systems Management, and a Master of Healthcare Administration.

The Associate of Applied Science in Medical Coding and Billing, requiring 64 credit hours, prepares a student to take the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) Certified Coding Associate exam, which enables him/her to earn a widely recognized industry certification.

The Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Health Systems Management provide a student with the necessary skills to analyze information needs, design solutions, manage information storage, transfer and retrieval, and administer complex IT systems in the hospital setting. With the growth of the Internet and use of mobile technologies and the growing

movement to utilize electronic medical records, there is a demand for qualified professionals who have a broad knowledge base in computer information systems as they are used in the healthcare information environment.

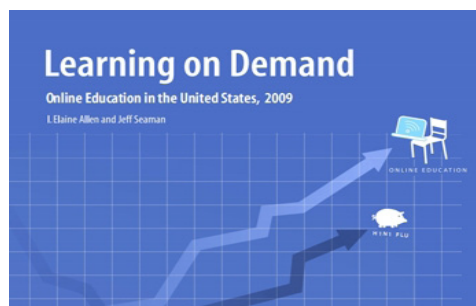
Because of rapid growth and change in the healthcare industry, leaders must possess both an appreciation of this industry's unique challenges and best practices, as well as a comprehensive business education. The Master of Healthcare Administration offers the best of both worlds - an MBA program at its core, supplemented by a special focus on healthcare.

For more information, visit <http://www.grantham.edu>. Grantham University is listed in the DANTES NADLP catalog at <http://www.dantescatalogs.com/NADLPDetails.aspx?InstitutionID=173>

New schools affiliated with DANTES:



Anaheim University
1240 S. State College Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92806
714-772-3330



Tollfree: 800-955-6040

Fax: 714-772-3331

Email: admissions@anaheim.edu

Internet: <http://www.anaheim.edu>

Accreditation: Distance Education and Training Council (DETC)

- Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management
- Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Management
- MBA Online Global
- MBA in Sustainable Management ("Green MBA")
- MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- TESOL Certificate (non-credit)



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808-791-5050

Tollfree: 877-267-2241

Fax: 808-791-5051

Email: admissions@ampac.edu

Internet: <http://www.ampac.edu>

Accreditation: Distance Education and Training Council (DETC)

- Master's in Transpersonal Psychology
- Neuro Linguistic Programming (Practitioner Level) Certificate

Top 10...

According to Campusgrotto.com, here are the Top 10 College Majors:

1. **Business:** includes Business Administration and Management, finance, marketing, and accounting.
2. **Social Sciences and History:** includes anthropology, economics, geography, sociology and political science.
3. **Education:** Elementary Education is the most popular.
4. **Psychology:** can lead to other related careers, like human resources, public relations, market research and sales.
5. **Nursing:** a competitive field, but you are pretty much guaranteed a job due to the severe shortage of nurses.
6. **Communications:** one of the fastest growing majors in College. Also includes journalism.
7. **Biology:** Biology majors do a lot of research and development and work in a lab or the field. Common employers of biology majors include hospitals, national & state parks, universities, pharmaceutical companies, research firms, aquariums and zoos.
8. **Engineering:** usually produces a high salaried job from the start. But, plan on taking very aggressive math and science courses with this major.
9. **English:** can be involved in copywriting, editing and teaching. Also a good gateway degree to graduate school or law school.
10. **Computer Science:** a highly technical field involving advanced math and computer courses.

Funded CDFM exams

The procedure to take the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) exams is simple and easy to follow. Interested military members with experience in positions requiring budget, accounting, finance, or other economic funding knowledge, should apply for the CDFM vouchers. Each authorized candidate receives a paperless voucher through the online Personnel Certification Support System (PCSS).

The DANTES Credentialing Manager will provide electronic approval for all military candidates who enter the PCSS for CDFM exam vouchers. Only military members who receive authorization from the DANTES Credentialing Program Manager to obtain a voucher through the PCSS will be allowed to take the funded CDFM exams. Each military candidate who receives a voucher must take and pass three (3) examinations. Successful candidates who pass all three examinations will receive their certification from The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC).

For Test Control Officers, an announcement to display in your education center to refer your interested military members is available at the DANTES Web site. Find the announcement in the "Hot News" section at the following link: <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

The vouchers are given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested military members should contact the DANTES Credentialing Program Manager at certprog@navy.mil or call commercial (850) 452-1111 ext. 3213 or DSN 922-1111 ext. 3213.

ASE deadline approaches

The Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) tests ordering deadline is swiftly approaching. ASE in Iowa City, Iowa, must receive all orders from requesting Test Control Officers by Tuesday, March 24, 2010.

Refer to the DANTES Web site for ASE forms and instructions at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/certification/ase.htm. Send ASE questions to certprog@navy.mil or call commercial (850) 452-1111 ext. 3194 or DSN 922-1111 ext. 3194.

HOT NEWS!

Here's what is currently on the DANTES Web site Hot News located at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>:

02/17/10 - Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership (NCPDLP) is holding an Education Fair 16 March at NAS Pensacola

02/16/10 - CDFM Funded Exam Announcement

02/11/10 - It's HERE -- Post 9/11 GI Bill - The Quick Series

01/15/10 - FORGOT your OASC Username and Password?

12/28/09 - ACT Assessment Supervisor's Report Form Change

12/22/09 - WW09 DVDs! Now available for order while supplies last

12/11/09 - The Praxis PLT may now be offered in either Session 1 or Session 2

12/07/09 - Excelsior College Nursing Examinations Update

Training News

Hot careers with COOL credentialing DANTES offers new credentialing DVD

DANTES now has a new credentialing DVD available free for military education centers. The 12-minute production, filmed at NAS Pensacola, Fla. and Ft. Bragg, N.C., features credentialing opportunities available to Service members.

Credentialing (certification or licensure) documents a person's level of competency and achievement in a particular area. Credentials provide the equivalent of a "professional badge." Military personnel may already have the experience and knowledge required to gain certification in their occupational specialty and may have no problem passing the exam to earn certification or a license in a profession.

DANTES produced the DVD to provide all Service members an in-depth look at how certification and licensure can benefit them while they are in the military. Along with action scenes of military members working in aviation, medical, dental, radiology, engineering and electronics, the film also contains personal testimonials from active duty military members on the importance of credentialing and from prior military members who have transitioned into the civilian workforce. The film also highlights Army COOL (Credentialing Opportunities Online) and Navy COOL Web sites and how both services uniquely assist their Soldiers and Sailors to achieve their credentials related to their military occupations and career fields.

Credentialing examinations are available to Service members all over the world at DANTES Test Sites, DANTES/Pearson VUE computer-based test (CBT) locations, or base-sponsored National Test Centers (NTCs).

To order this free DVD (DANTES Stock #3215), e-mail the DANTES Distribution Center at dist@navy.mil. Order limit is one per base education center. For more information, e-mail dantestraining@navy.mil.



A Charlotte, N.C., film crew shoots fire-fighting practice scenes at NAS Pensacola for the DANTES credentialing DVD.

LS2(AW) Amadiz – Ph.D. student and Navy College success story

If you happened to run across LS2(AW) Miguel A. Amadiz while on base, you would get the initial impression that he is a typical, squared-away Sailor. However, in addition to being a Navy professional, he carries a special distinction – he is also a Ph.D. student.

Serendipity is when you stumble across something fortunate when you are looking for something totally different, and that is what happened when Amadiz googled “CTU” to learn more about the popular TV show “24”. Instead of information about a central terrorist unit, what popped up was the Web site for Colorado Technical University, which later became his alma mater.

Amadiz attended a business college for two semesters before joining the Navy, about seven years ago. He chose his logistics rate out of a desire to gain experience in a business related field. At his

Navy College Office, he learned that Colorado Technical University (CTU) was a regionally accredited school. He enrolled with

CTU, which accepted his transfer and SMART credits.

Matriculated with Colorado Technical University and while serving in Afghanistan, Amadiz received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 2008 and began taking classes for a Masters of Business Administration. He subsequently earned an MBA in 2009.

A Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the highest degree that can be earned in the United States; only about 1 percent of the population has the degree. Amadiz has taken the first step towards becoming a member



of this very select group by being accepted for, and enrolling in, the first class in TUI University’s Ph.D. in Business Administration program.

When asked about the key to his academic success, Amadiz states he never lost sight of his lifelong goal of becoming a professor. Since the third grade, he has imagined being up at the front and teaching every class he attended. His greatest challenge has

“I had seamless communication with my Navy College Office with never a hiccup.”

LS2(AW) Miguel A. Amadiz

been having enough time complete his class work. He finds the time by waking up early every morning, studying during lunch, and using every available

minute during the day, including reading while working out and walking – he is never without an academic journal.

Amadiz credits his Educational Services Officers and the Navy College for helping him realize his academic success. He states the Navy College Office has provided him with timely and expert assistance, even while he was deployed. He has found submitting his Tuition Assistance applications online to be very convenient and encourages everyone to use WebTA.

**by: G. Daniel Ordorica
Contract Educator Advisor
Navy College Office
Naval Base Coronado**

Counselor Support News

SDS: A remarkably simple but complete career assessment tool

John L. Holland’s Self-Directed Search (SDS) is an easy-to-use, self-administered, self-scored, and self-interpreted interest inventory that assists individuals in finding occupations that are similar to their interests. It is based on Holland’s theory of vocational choice, which assumes that most people can be categorized into one of six personality and environmental types. The six types, known collectively as “RIASEC”, are: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C).

A paper-based only The Self-Directed Search: Assessment Booklet (DANTES stock #1152) is used by the examinees to determine their three-letter summary code. The summary code is used with The Self-Directed Search: The Occupations Finders (DANTES stock #1153) to identify occupations that match this code. The Self-Directed Search: Occupations Finders lists over 1,300 occupations arranged according to Holland’s “RIASEC” system.

Also available for individual use is The Self-Directed Search: You and Your Career booklet (DANTES stock #1151) that helps the examinees to better understand their three-letter summary code using six easy-to-follow steps.

To find out more about the SDS instrument, order The Self-Directed Search: Professional User’s Guide (DANTES stock #1155) and The Self-Directed Search: Technical Manual (DANTES stock #1154) or e-mail counseling@navy.mil.

Examinations News

Test Control Officers: Immediate recall of Business Mathematics (Form Si812) paper-based test

Prometric has identified a printing error in Form Si812, one of the two forms available for the Business Mathematics test. While Prometric has taken the appropriate actions to ensure that this error has been corrected, and therefore will not impact future paper-based versions of this test, the testing agency has identified a small number of affected books that are currently in the field. As such, Prometric is issuing a recall of all impacted exam books.

Please note that only form Si812 is impacted by this recall. Paper version SO 812 and the IBT electronic version of this exam are not impacted. Please return any and all Si812 books to the below address.

Prometric
Attn: DSST
260 Energy Lane
St. Paul, MN 55108

- **Are other forms of the Business Math exam good to use?** Yes, version SO 812 is in good standing. All future requests for Business Math paper books will be fulfilled with Form SO 812, until all Si812 forms have been successfully collected by Prometric.
- **What does this mean to the Candidate?** All Forms Si812 submitted to Prometric before the date of the recall (3 February, 2010) have already been reviewed, rectified and the candidate has been contacted if there was a change in their passing score. Any Si812 forms that arrive at Prometric for scoring while the recall is underway will be individually reviewed and Prometric will work with any military base affected to rectify the situation.



Excelsior College goes orange and white

Recently, Excelsior College began issuing their new orange and white Answer sheets. The new four page answer sheet replaces the old maroon answer sheet. When the new ones are received, please destroy the old maroon answer sheets.



April 2010

11-17 – GRE Subject
16 – ECE Extended
Response (Essay)
24-28 – Praxis*

May 2010

6, 11, 13 – ASE (CONUS)
11, 12, 13 – ASE (Overseas)
(ASE Registration
Deadline: 24 Mar.)

June 2010

18 – ECE Extended
Response (Essay)

*Choose only one day to administer. Submit separate Prometric order forms for GRE Subject and Praxis

Notes:

- Overseas test sites send orders six weeks before the test date.
- CONUS test sites send orders four weeks before the test date.
- Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/exams_calendar.pdf

Reference Publications News

FAFSA 2010-2011 changes

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your ticket to every flavor of financial aid, including scholarships, PELL grants and student loans. The federal government has streamlined FAFSA to ease the financial aid process for college students applying for federal loans and grants for the 2010–2011 academic year.

In the past, all applicants were required to answer all questions on the form, but the new software program distinguishes between applicants so that students answer only questions applicable to themselves.

According to the press release, the changes will help the United States top the world in terms of the proportion of college graduates by 2020, a goal set by President Barack Obama in September 2009.

The United States is currently ranked seventh in the world for college enrollment, with only 34 percent of adults aged 18 to 34 enrolled, compared to 53 percent for first ranked South Korea, according to data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

What's new on the 2010-2011 FAFSA form:

1. Dept of Education and IRS working together

Starting January 2010, students applying for financial aid for the spring semester will be able to seamlessly retrieve their relevant tax information from the IRS for easy completion of the online FAFSA.

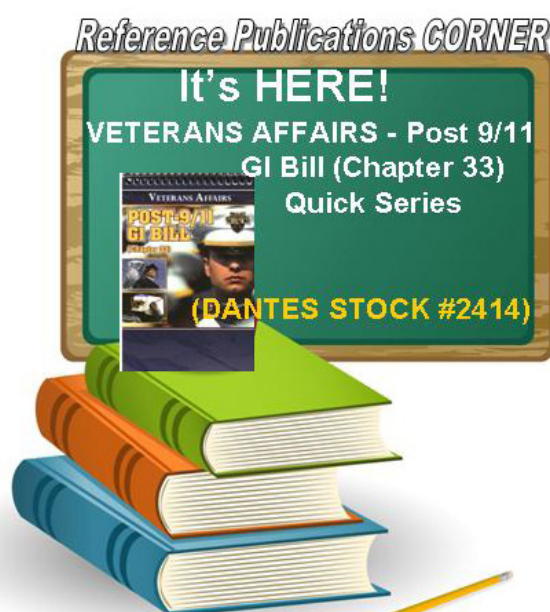
The Administration will also introduce legislation seeking statutory authority from Congress to eliminate financial information from the aid calculation formula that is not available from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This will remove 26 financial questions from the FAFSA form that have little impact on aid awards and can be difficult to complete. Only questions that rely upon information that applicants must already provide to the IRS would remain.

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New bill proposed: stop the diploma mills!

On Jan. 28, 2010, Rep. Timothy H. Bishop, D-N.Y., introduced the “Diploma and Accreditation Integrity Protection Act” (**HR 4535**). This bill would legally define degree-granting institutions and legitimate accrediting agencies, and instruct the Federal Trade Commission to take action against entities that DO NOT fit those definitions and to report its findings to the Department of Education. The bill has two co-sponsors: Betty McCollum, D-Minn., and Michael N. Castle, R-Del.

“Rep. Bishop has been pushing for such a bill since 2005. That’s when a Government Accountability Office investigation found that more than 400 federal employees held degrees from unaccredited colleges or diploma mills.”
The Chronicle of Higher Education



To Review a complete listing
of all DANTES Reference Publications GO TO:

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/distribution/refs.htm

The press conference announcing this bill was held during the 2010 CHEA Annual Conference and International Seminar in Washington, D.C.

After the legislation's introduction in the House, it was referred to four separate committees for consideration. Several U.S. state governments have begun to tackle this problem. However, prior to the proposal of this bill, the federal government had not approached this topic.



FAFSA 2010-2011 changes

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2. 2010-2011 FAFSA Colors

The 2010-2011 FAFSA colors are blue for student information and purple for parent information.

3. FAFSA Year References

All year references have been incremented by one year.

4. Data Elements added

For both the student and parent, a data field has been added to the Additional Financial Information. Questions 44(f) and 92(f) will collect amounts for earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by an institution of higher education.

5. Data Elements deleted

The two data elements for veterans' education benefits are deleted (formerly Questions 44 and 45). State deadlines have been updated. Revisions to marital status responses (Question 16).

6. Extra Level of Security for Online Form

Virtual Keyboard icon available for online form, using the mouse to select the characters.

For more information on the FAFSA online, go to <http://www.fafsaonline.com/>. To complete the FAFSA online, go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/FOTWebApp/complete013.jsp>.

NOTE: Before completing the FAFSA form, be sure to get a personal identification number (PIN) from the Department of Education at <http://www.fafsaonline.com/fafsa-pin/>. This PIN serves as your electronic signature on the FAFSA application. Also, last year's federal income taxes must be completed prior to applying for FAFSA.

Educators, ACMEs meet at CCME

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) held their annual symposium in Nashville, Tenn., February 15-18. The conference theme was "Developing a 21st Century Total Force — A Matter of Honor."

Presenters covered topics such as emerging technologies for online learning, the DoD Memorandum of Understanding, the Post 9/11 GI Bill, and warrior care and transition. Panels addressed education from the perspective of the Reserve Component, military spouses, veterans, institutional partners and Service Chiefs.

Former DANTES Director, Jeff Cropsey, received the CCME President's Award at the closing awards banquet. A listing of all of the 2010 award winners will be posted soon at <http://www.ccmeonline.org/awards.aspx>.

Advisory Councils on Military Education (ACMEs) held a President's strategy session prior to the symposium, where a more robust partnership with CCME emerged. CCME, ACME representatives, and DoD ACME liaisons will work together to facilitate an online forum to exchange ideas among the 14 established and emerging state ACME organizations, which will, ultimately, benefit military students, veterans and their dependents.



Educators pause to enjoy "Rio Carnivale," a reception sponsored by Kaplan University at CCME. Top row from left: Patrick Billhartz, Barbara Bennie, Sharon Beaudoin and Brad Beierman. Front row: Jacquelyn Crutchley and Susan Wilson.

New DIB editor

I'd like to introduce myself - I'm Nancy Hamilton, and I'm the new DANTES Information Bulletin Editor. I retired from the U.S. Navy in 2001, after serving 23 years in the Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) field. Since then, I've been part of the DANTES' Information Technology team, supporting DANTES programs in the background. Now, I have the amazing opportunity to be in the forefront, helping to get the word out about the many DANTES programs and education opportunities available to Service members. The DIB also provides us the opportunity to publish stories and photos from the field. So, if you have any story ideas, photos, suggestions, or know a Service member or education program that would make a good feature story for the DIB, contact me at pubs@navy.mil. I look forward to hearing from you and to working with a great group of people here at DANTES.



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